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Nease Chemical

Salem, Ohio 44460

Re: Proposed cleanup of the Nease-Rutgers chemical site.

I am appalled that the EPA is considering bringing more toxic waste polluted soil to store at the Nease chemical plant. Covering the imported waste with clean soil will not make it go away. It can only add to the cancers this area is already plagued with. Once this site is labeled a toxic waste storage facility, I believe even more toxic waste will be brought in to store here.

I'm disgusted at the lack of policing by the EPA of the current waste cleanup process. Is Rutgers, who also own several other chemical plants allowed to supervise the current cleanup? Could be that's why trucks come and go at three to four in the morning, and there are new recent caches of toxic waste, more pure and concentrated than what was ever expected to be there, now being found.

I'm also saddened by the current appearance of the site. What an embarrassment to Salem. When you drive by, has the appearance that nobody cares about anything. This site should be cleaned up, landscaped, and made to look like everything that could be done to rectify this problem, has been done.

Is this to be Salems legacy? Claim to fame - One of the worst toxic dump sites in the country. One of the highest rates of cancer in the country.

I do believe there is a solution where everybody can come out of this satisfied. Perhaps, to start with, this site should not be expanded.

Sincerely,